

# St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

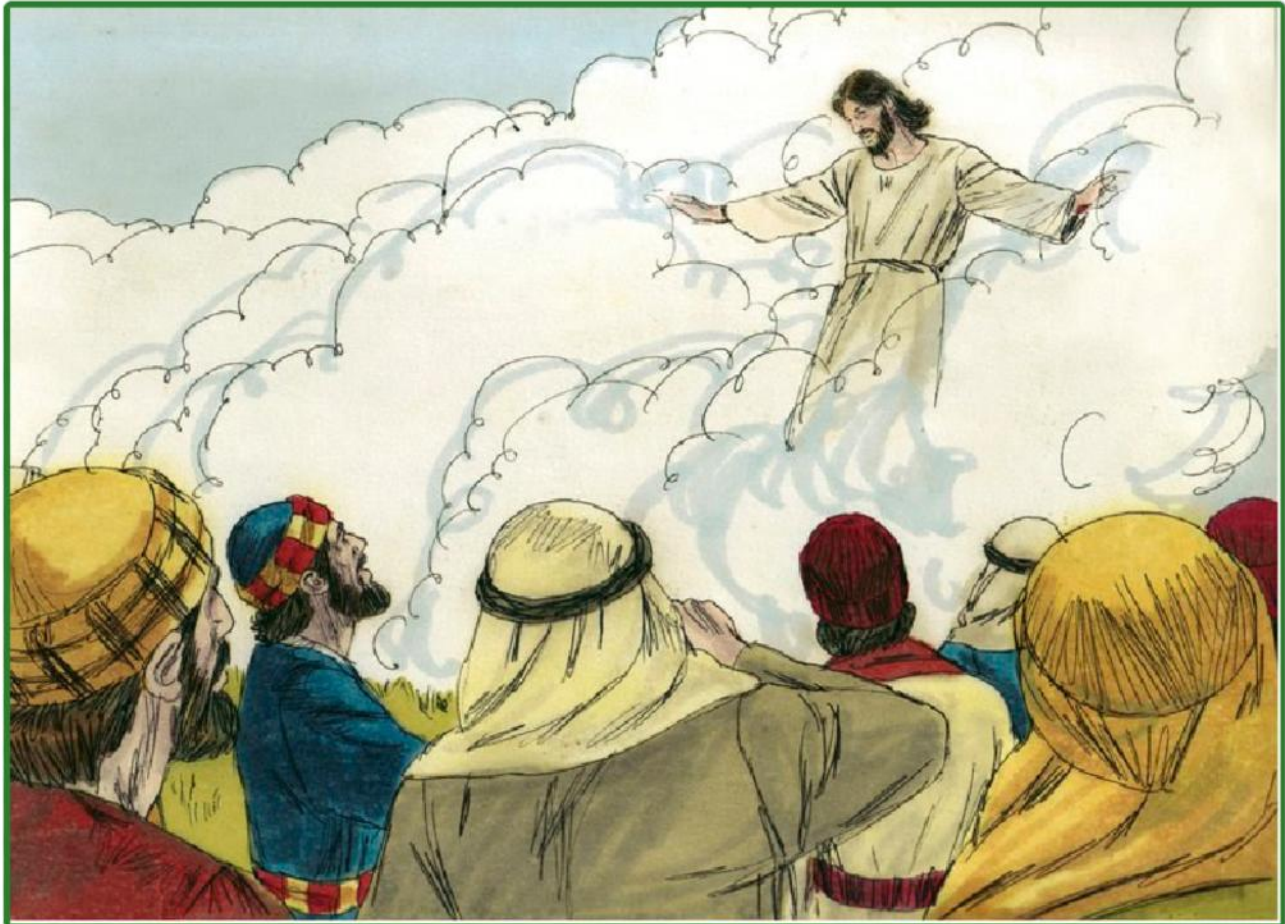
An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

May 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord



## MASS SCHEDULE

### St. Patrick Church

Tues. - Sat. 7:30 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

### St. Michael Mission

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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## Office Hours

Monday - Closed

Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Pastoral Staff

Msgr. Gregory Adolf, Canonical Pastor

Rev. Amal Sebastian, MSFS, Sacramental Minister

Deacon Tony Underwood, Pastoral Administrator

## Pastoral Associates

Deacon Joe Delgado

Deacon Bill Lugo

Deacon Jose Valle

## Parish Corporation Board of Directors

Most Reverend Bishop James A. Misko, Bishop of Tucson

Rev. Edward Lucero

Msgr. Gregory Adolf

Ruth Dugie / Mary Gomez

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# Weekend Mass Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

## St. Patrick Church - Bisbee

- 5:00pm Saturday Evening Vigil

## St. Patrick Church - Bisbee

- 9:00am Sunday Morning

## St. Michael Mission - Naco

- 11:00am Sunday Morning

# Weekday Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

7:30am Tuesday – Saturday  
(St Patrick Church)



## MASS INTENTIONS

### The Ascension of the Lord

**Saturday 16MAY**

**5:00pm Vigil Mass**

+Myrna Avechuco

+Pablo Mendez

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

**Sunday 17MAY**

**9:00am Mass**

+Gilbert Chavez

+Fr. James Dicken

+Pablo Mendez

+Luis Chavez

Int of Tom Underhill

**St. Michael Mission**

**11:00am Mass**

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday 18MAY**

No Mass Celebrated

**Tuesday 19MAY**

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

**Wednesday 20MAY**

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

**Thursday 21MAY**

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

**Friday 22MAY**

+Harold Ferch

**Saturday 23MAY**

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Pentecost**

**Saturday 23MAY**

**5:00pm Vigil Mass**

+Madeleine Keryan

+Helene Underhill

+Louie Montiel

+Dave Ruiz

**Sunday 24MAY**

**9:00am Mass**

+Dave Ruiz

+Diane Gojkovich

+Sebastian & +Carmen Maya

Int of Palomino Family

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

**St. Michael Mission**

**11:00am Mass**

Int of Parishioners

## Matthew 28:19a, 20b

*Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.*



All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.

Matthew 18:18-20

### **May 17, 2026**

Occasionally we hear the idea that the world's such a mess it's a shame Jesus doesn't come down from heaven to do something about it. Though an understandable wish, it fundamentally misunderstands two lessons from today's readings. First of all, Jesus is already here: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Secondly, "doing something" is our job now. Jesus' ascension to the Father marks a transition between the mission that God entrusted to Jesus and the mission Jesus entrusted to us. Jesus fulfilled his mission on the cross, sacrificing himself for our sins. It is now our turn to carry out our mission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (28:19-20). We are called to spread our faith by word and witness, drawing others to believe and follow. Also, because Jesus has ascended to God the Father, he is not only in one place at one time but everywhere all the time, just as the Father always has been. Instead of wishing Jesus would come, let us realize that he is already here and it is up to us to give witness to him. When have you realized the presence of the risen Christ with you? How will you give witness to him this week?

# Lectio Divina



## Lectio Divina for the Solemnity of the Ascension

*We begin our prayer:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,  
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,  
for the Ascension of Christ your Son  
is our exaltation,  
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,  
the Body is called to follow in hope.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Ascension, Mass during the Day)

### Reading (*Lectio*)

*Read the following Scripture two or three times.*  
Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

### Meditation (*Meditatio*)

*After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:*

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

*If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.*

### Prayer (*Oratio*)

*Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.*



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## Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

*Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:*

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

*When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.* When have my doubts kept me from living my faith fully? How can I offer support and encouragement to people who may be experiencing doubt?

*Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.* Who has been the most influential guide in my faith? What resources do I have to learn more about my faith?

*And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.* How do I experience God's enduring presence in my life? How can I reach out to those who feel abandoned and alone?

*After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:*

## Closing Prayer

All you peoples, clap your hands,  
shout to God with cries of gladness,  
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,  
is the great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;  
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.  
Sing praise to God, sing praise;  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

For king of all the earth is God;  
sing hymns of praise.  
God reigns over the nations,  
God sits upon his holy throne.

(From Psalm 47)

## Living the Word This Week

*How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?*

Learn about ways that you can reach out to those who are no longer practicing their faith.

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May 17, 2026

# The Ascension of the Lord

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 | Mt 28:16-20

## **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

This year, I cannot help but notice how kingdom-centric the readings for the Solemnity of the Ascension are. In our first reading, Jesus appears to his disciples for forty days after his resurrection and speaks to them about the kingdom of God. Our psalm beckons us to rejoice that God is mounting his throne – another kingdom image! Our second reading tells us that God has given Christ authority over “every principality, power, and dominion” – a clear sign that he is the one reigning over all. These references seem to be telling us that today’s feast is Jesus’ “coronation day” – the day he takes his rightful place at the right hand of the Father. From the moment Jesus ascends to heaven, he is reigning. What a consoling thought for us, who may at times find ourselves discouraged by our lives or the state of affairs around us. We have hope because we know that despite appearances to the contrary, Jesus reigns, and it is only a matter of time until the Father puts all things beneath Christ’s feet.

## **GO** EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” It’s a tall order – bringing every nation under the reign of Christ. But we needn’t be intimidated. The Ascension offers us hope, for – as the *Catechism* reminds us – “Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.” (667) Jesus ascended into heaven and now is constantly interceding for us before the Father, constantly pouring out his Spirit on us! In all our efforts to evangelize, we have that constant support and grace being sent our way to equip us for this work.

## **REFLECT**

Oftentimes, we think of the Ascension as Jesus leaving us after the end of his earthly ministry. But Jesus promises that he does not leave us, but rather, that he is always with us, “until the end of the age.” Spend some time this week reflecting on the ways that, having taken his seat at the right hand of the Father, Jesus is now ever-more present, pouring out his grace and his Spirit upon us at every moment.



## Light of Day

An old rabbi once asked his pupils how they could tell when the darkness of night had ended and the light of day had begun.

"Could it be," asked one student, "when you can see an animal in the distance and tell whether it's a sheep or a dog?" "No," answered the rabbi.

Another asked, "Is it when you can look at a tree in the distance and tell whether it's a fig tree or a peach tree?" "No," answered the rabbi.

"Then when is it?" the pupils demanded.

"It is when you can look on the face of any person and see that they are your sister and brother.

Because if you cannot see this, you are still in the darkness of night."



## Disciple

A kindergarten teacher had prepared what she thought would be a model lesson in Christian Discipleship.

She had placed a considerable amount of time planning the lesson, which included a game, a song and a story. At the conclusion of the lesson, she asked for questions. With pride, she looked at her students wildly waving their arms. Obviously, the lesson was a great success. The students were filled with excitement. Teaching seemed so rewarding.

She called on a very enthusiastic little girl whose arm had been waving more frantically than the rest. "What do you have to say about Jesus and the disciples?" she asked. "Well," the little girl began, "I just wanted you to know that I know a lot about disciples 'cause at my house we disciple everything. We have a special disciple can for plastic, a special disciple can for glass, and a special disciple can for paper. My mom says discipling is how we save the earth."

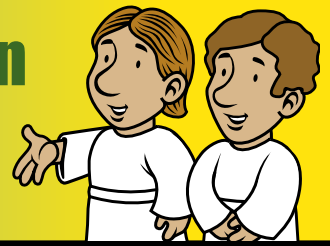
That little girl's use of the word discipleship was slightly misplaced, but her conclusion was right on target. Discipling is how we save the earth.



**Brothers and sisters, this is our God: Jesus, King of Peace, who rejects war, whom no one can use to justify war. He does not listen to the prayers of those who wage war, but rejects them, saying: 'Even though you make many prayers, I will not listen: your hands are full of blood' (Isaiah 1:15).**

*— Pope Leo XIV*

# Jesus was taken into heaven



**The Ascension of the Lord, Year A**

Draw Jesus saying goodbye to his friends and promising to be with them always.



Even though Jesus ascended into heaven he is always with us. Complete the sentences below.

Jesus is with me when....

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Jesus is with me when....

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Jesus is with me when....

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## ASCENSION

How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?

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# Jesus was taken into heaven

Draw some of the disciples when they met Jesus for the last time before he ascended into heaven.



Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Unscramble the words below to find out what Jesus told his disciples before he ascended into heaven.

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**TIME   REMEMBER   UNTIL   ALWAYS   AM   END**

# CATHOLIC QUIZ

17 MAY 2026

*This week's Question: "What does 'Pentecost' mean? From where does it originate?"*

***The answer to last week's Question: "When is the Feast of the Ascension?"***

Before it became a separate Feast, the mystery of the Ascension was celebrated on Easter day itself. The accounts of the Ascension in the *Gospels of Luke (24:50-53)* and *John (20:21f)* narrate the events of Christ's Resurrection, Ascension and Glorification as one single mystery-event, and so the early Church celebrated it in some places until the middle of the 4<sup>th</sup> century, when the liturgical calendar began to take its present form. The Scriptures connect the giving of the Holy Spirit with Christ's ascent into heaven, a unified mystery and event. And so, in some places, the event of the Ascension was commemorated only on Pentecost!

As a distinct feast of its own, the Ascension began to be widely celebrated by the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> century – as a historical event on the 40<sup>th</sup> day of the Easter Season, according to the chronology given in the *Acts of the Apostles (1:3)*. Thus, the *new* Feast of the Ascension became an integral part of the Easter Season. In time, a Vigil was added to the Feast, and even an Octave, so that the Easter Season was split into two Seasons: Easter to Ascension and Ascension to Pentecost. In the Middle Ages, under the influence of monasticism, the period between the Ascension and Pentecost took on a penitential aspect, with the result that the joy and exultation in the Resurrection was somewhat diminished.

The *Roman Calendar* of 1969 restored the ancient unity of the Easter Season and the 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated as one long feast day, sometimes called 'the Great Sunday', within which the commemoration of the Lord's Ascension and Glorification holds a special place.

The Church in a number of countries where the Feast of the Ascension is not a public holiday petitioned to have the option to transfer the Solemnity to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, to enhance participation of the Faithful in the celebration.

A number of Provinces (Archdioceses) elected to do so, including (in 1998), the Province of Santa Fe, of which our own Diocese of Tucson is a part – hence the Feast of the Ascension is celebrated on this Sunday!

# SOUL FOOD

17 MAY 2026

*"During the time leading up to the Ascension, JESUS slowly reshaped the disciples' imaginations. They learned that while something had died, something else, far richer, had been born, and now they had to quit clinging to what had been – JESUS' former presence – so that they could receive Him in a new way. The theology of the Ascension could be summarized in this way: 'Refuse to cling to what once was. Let go and let it bless you, so that you can recognize the new life you are already living and receive the Spirit.'"*

*- Fr. Roland Rolheiser, OMI, (1947 - )*



## Parish Board of Director Notice of Election

NOTICE of Nomination for position of TREASURER of the Corporate Board of Directors of Saint Patrick Roman Catholic Church.

Ruth Dugie's current term for Treasurer of our Parish Corporate Board has expired.

The Pastor is nominating Ruth for another term, expiring January 2029. Other nominations may be made in writing by at least 10 registered parishioners. If other nominations are received, the Election will be held on Sunday the 24th of May.

For more information please contact Deacon Tony Underwood in the parish office.



# Coffee and donuts with the Knights!

## Sunday, May 17

*after 9:00 a.m. Mass*

### See you there!



All Saints Catholic School in Sierra Vista is currently looking to hire a principal and several teachers for the new school year 2026/2027.

Job positions are posted on the Diocesan website along with applications. You may also inquire at the school at 520-378-7012 for more information."



# Register Today!

St. Patrick Parish/St. Michael Mission registration for 1st Communion and Confirmation Sacrament preparation is **now open and closes July 31, 2026.**

The registration form can be downloaded at:  
<https://www.stpatsbisbee.com/parish-forms>

or

Can be located on back table or can be picked up at the parish office at 100 Quality Hill, Bisbee.



St. Patrick Parish

OFFICE / GIFT SHOP HOURS

OPEN TUESDAY - SATURDAY  
10:00 AM - 2 PM

SATURDAY AFTER 5:00 PM MASS

SUNDAY AFTER 9:00 AM MASS



*For that special spot*



# God Bless You!

Thank you to all parishioners who currently support and contribute to St. Patrick Church and St. Michael Mission.

Please, if you are not financially supporting our church and mission, prayerfully consider doing so today.

Your support/contribution matters and is needed to ensure our financial solvency.

Bless you for all you do for the Lord and His Church!

## YTD Weekly Collections

(JUL to MAR)

St. Patrick Offertory: \$150,172  
St. Michael Offertory: \$9,130

## March Report

Income: \$42,541  
Expenses: \$26,004  
**In the Black: \$16,536**

## YTD July 2025 to March 2026

Income: \$287,890  
Expenses: \$226,777  
**Balance: \$61,113**

**Other Revenue \$8,297**  
**In the Black \$69,410**

## Parish Financial Report

### Last Sunday's Collection

#### St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose: \$2406  
Online Giving \$814.50  
**Total \$3220.50**

#### St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose: \$123  
Online Giving \$25  
**Total \$148**

## Use Online Giving

[www.stpatsbisbee.com](http://www.stpatsbisbee.com)

Use "Give Now" link

# THANK YOU!



# Help Support

**St. Patrick Parish and it's ministries.**

**Please share this QR Code with a family member or friend.**

**Their support matters and strengthens the good our parish lives for EVERYONE in our Bisbee / Naco community.**



**Scan this QR Code with your cell phone  
and make your donation today.**

**Simple, Quick, Easy, and APPRECIATED!**



Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

## **Report Abuse - 📞 Call 911 Tell the Police!**

**We all have a duty to protect the vulnerable.**

All volunteers, employees, clergy (priests and deacons) who serve in any parish ministry, group, club, or liturgy will only do so AFTER they have been processed through our Diocesan / St. Patrick Parish Safe Environment Program, received a High-Level Clearance, and completed Safe Environment training.

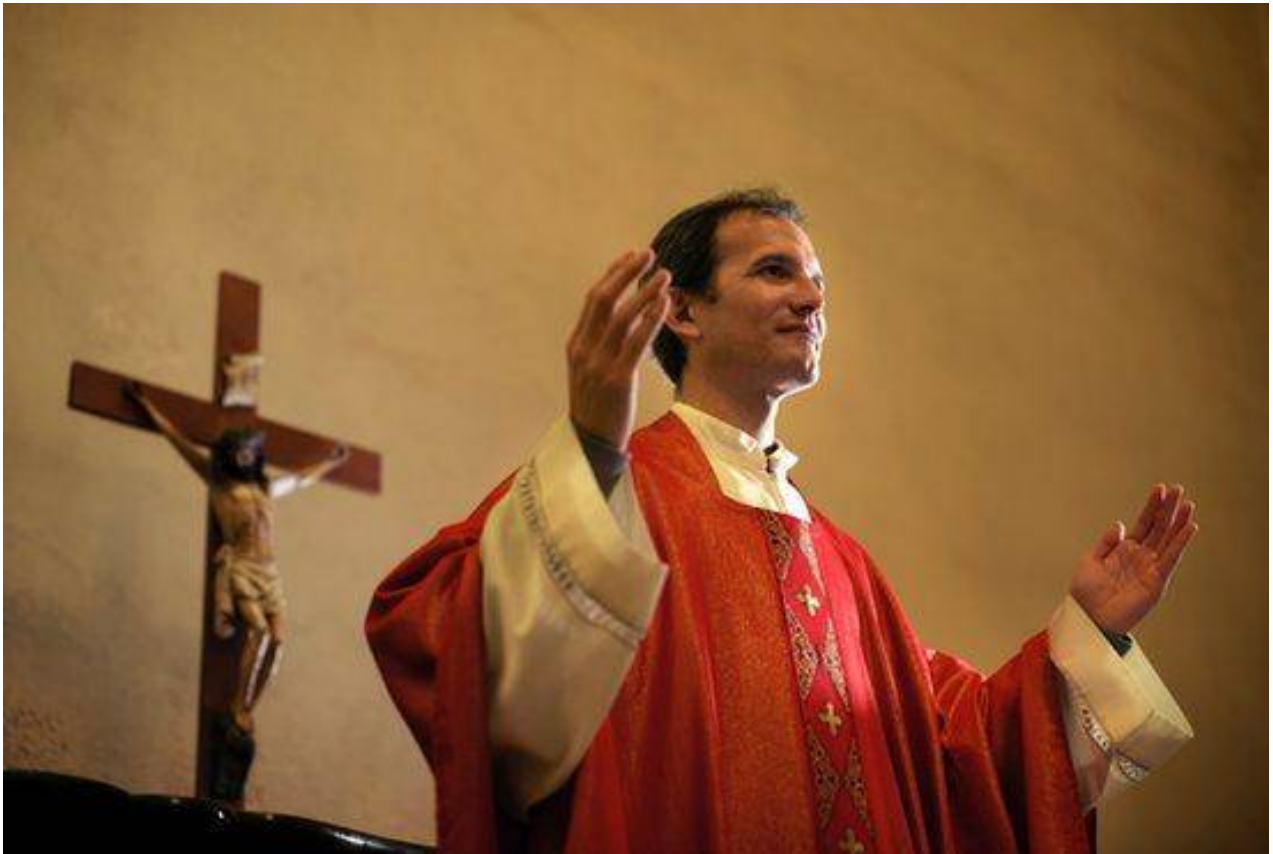
### **Parish Compliance**

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## **Thinking about a Vocation?**

**Contact: Fr. Alan Valencia**

**Director of Vocations and Seminarians**

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**[avalencia@diocesetucson.org](mailto:avalencia@diocesetucson.org)**

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### **Diocese of Tucson Vocations Prayer**

Loving and generous God, we need more vocations to the priesthood.

Send us faith-filled servants to minister as dedicated and loving priests in the Diocese of Tucson. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit so that we will encourage and foster a culture of vocations in which many will hear your call to serve your people. Bless our Diocese with men and women who will work together with your priests as deacons, religious, and lay ministers to bring to life the Gospel and to realize the Church's mission in our Diocese.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



*Remember...*  
*St. Patrick Church & St. Michael Mission*  
*in your Will*

Today, the Parish faces a shifting landscape. Changing demographics and cultural attitudes challenge full engagement, while economic pressures make sustaining ministry more difficult.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you help ensure that the Church's mission and pastoral outreach that have been important to you and so many others will continue for today's needs and those in the future.

Please, consider leaving a planned gift that demonstrates your faith and inspires future generations to carry on Christ's work. With your help, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Faith Community for many years to come.

God bless you for your prayerful consideration.

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another  
as good stewards of God's varied grace."  
(1 Peter 4:10)*